Subject No. 212
Levy of octroi duty on tobacco imported.

Summary of discussion.—As in Shimoga and Chikmagalur towns, permission is requested to levy Octroi duty at 4 annas per maund on tobacco imported into the town of Tarikere, as the present income of the Municipality is insufficient to meet the requirements of this large town.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under enquiry by the Deputy Commissioner who will submit a report to Government in due course.

Subject No. 213
Grant of half the sayer Revenue of Tarikere town to Municipal Funds.

Summary of discussion.—With the opening of the Birur-Shimoga Railway line, the Tarikere town will become an important place and many improvements will have to be effected in the interests of its increasing population. The present Municipal income is however too small to meet the cost of such improvements nor does it seem possible to increase it from any other source. Half of the Sayer duty levied on supari in the Tarikere town may therefore be made over to the Municipality.

Reply of Government.—This is allowed nowhere and cannot be sanctioned.

Subject No. 214
A female Hospital Assistant for Tarikere town.

Summary of discussion.—Tarikere is a rising town. Respectable Zenana ladies do not go to the dispensary for treatment. A female Hospital Assistant may therefore be attached to this dispensary. The population of this town is 7056 of which no less than 4075 are females.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report.

Subject No. 215
Retention of headquarters of Koppa Taluk at Hariharpur.

Summary of discussion.—The Taluk Cutcherry should not be removed from Hariharpur, which is in every way convenient to Hindu raiyats.

Reply of Government.—The matter has received most careful consideration and final orders were passed only recently. The present request cannot be complied with.

Subject No. 216
Bathing ghat at Hariharpur.

Summary of discussion.—The recently constructed bathing ghat for the river Tunga requires to be rendered more substantial and secure.

A balance of Rs. 100 out of the subscriptions raised in connection with the tour of His late Highness the Maharaja is in the Savings Bank and has been ordered to be utilized for improving the town of Hariharpur. This should not be done. The amount should either be given for the use of Venkataramanaswami temple as originally prayed for or used for completing the bathing ghat.

Reply of Government.—Referred to District Fund Board for needful action.

Subject No. 217
(1) Construction of a bridge across the Nandini river.

Summary of discussion.—(1) A bridge should be constructed across the Nandini River at Kigga, which has a famous temple and a jatra attended by many people. The existing foot bridge does not stand heavy floods at times.

Reply of Government.—There is no need for the bridge. The District Fund Board are not in favor of it.

(2) Foot bridge across the river Sitha.

Summary of discussion.—(2) The River Sitha in the Baggungi Hobli, over which there is heavy traffic, requires a bridge or at least substantial foot bridges.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration by the Local Fund Board.

Subject No. 218 Reduced assessment on supari gardens to have effect from 1895-96.

Summary of discussion.—Government have been pleased to reduce the heavy assessment on supari gardens. Retrospective effect may be given to this order from 1895-96 the assessment for which year has been already paid by raiyats.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for report as regards the last khist which is understood to remain uncollected.

Subject No. 219 The reduction of assessment on supari gardens should be made applicable to Devadaya and Brahmadaya Inam lands.

Summary of discussion.—The order of reduction of assessment on supari gardens should be made applicable to Devadaya and Brahmadaya Inam lands also.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Inam Superintendent for investigation and report.

Subject No. 220 Time to pay kandayam.

Summary of discussion.—Coffee planters are allowed time till the end of the fourth instalment to pay up the kandayam due on their estates. This concession may be extended to other raiyats who are now required to pay each instalment as it becomes due.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 221 Ferry contract.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made to sell the ferry contract in the months of March and April and the contractor ordered to be ready with jangals, boats, &c., by the end of May. This year it was sold in June. Higher rates than those sanctioned are sometimes levied.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner.